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April 21, 2008

MEMORANDUM 2008-09

**TO: ALL COUNTY ENGINEERS AND DIVISION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

FROM:

D. E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.
State County Transportation Engineer

**RE: Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Reviews
Bridge Inspection Training
Vegetation Management Training**

Please find the attached letter from Mr. Stacey Glass, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, with the subject scheduled events for Calendar year 2008.

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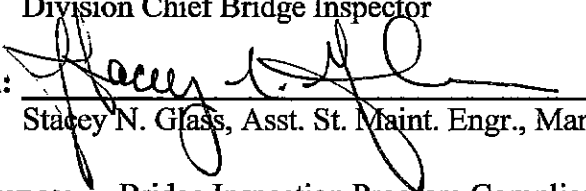
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To: Division Engineers

Mr. Johnny Harris, First Division Engineer
Mr. James D. Brown, Second Division Engineer
Mr. Brian Davis, Third Division Engineer
Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, Fourth Division Engineer
Ms. Dee Rowe, Fifth Division Engineer
Mr. John E. Lorentson, Sixth Division Engineer
Mr. Joseph M. Griffin, Seventh Division Engineer
Mr. Jerry Holt, Eighth Division Engineer
Mr. Vince Calametti, Ninth Division Engineer

Attn: Division Maintenance Engineer
 Division Chief Bridge Inspector

From:


Stacey N. Glass, Asst. St. Maint. Engr., Management & Training

Reference: Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review
 Bridge Maintenance Related Training
 Vegetation Management Training
 Annual Meeting Dates

Dear Division Engineers:

Please find listed below the scheduled Maintenance-related events for calendar year 2008.

Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review

The state of Alabama's bridge inspection program is a Federal compliance program administered by FHWA. In an effort to comply with FHWA Guidelines to review the bridge inspection procedures of all public bridge owners, ALDOT has agreed with FHWA to inspect each ALDOT division once every two years. Furthermore, each local government entity is requested to attend the division review so that they more fully understand the acceptable standard for a bridge inspection program in the state of Alabama. An integral part of the review

process is that each governmental entity is requested to complete a bridge Inspection Program Review Questionnaire. A copy of this questionnaire can be found in the current ALDOT Bridge Inspection Manual. Listed below are the dates of this year's reviews. Some of the reviews have already occurred.

Lowndes County/Follow-up	February 5, 2008	2:00 PM
Greene County/ Follow-up	February 27, 2008	1:30 AM
Choctaw County	April 2, 2008	9:00 AM
Washington County/Follow-up	April 2, 2008	2:00 PM
Clarke County/Follow-up	April 3, 2008	8:00 AM
Conecuh County/Follow-up	April 3, 2008	1:00 PM
City of Athens/Follow-up	May 6, 2008	1:30 PM
Winston County/Follow-up	May 7, 2008	9:00 AM
Fourth Division	June 11, 2008	9:00 AM
Clay County	June 11, 2008	2:00 PM
Coosa County	June 11, 2008	2:00 PM
City of Opelika	June 11, 2008	2:00 PM
City of Oxford	June 12, 2008	8:30 AM
Cleburne County	June 12, 2008	9:00 AM
Russell County	June 12, 2008	10:00 AM
Randolph County	June 12, 2008	1:00 PM
City of Talladega	June 12, 2008	1:00 PM
City of Phenix City	June 12, 2008	2:00 PM
Fifth Division	July 16, 2008	9:00 AM
City of Clanton	July 16, 2008	2:00 PM
City of Eutaw	July 16, 2008	2:00 PM
Pickens County	July 16, 2008	2:00 PM
City of Northport	July 17, 2008	8:30 AM
Hale County	July 17, 2008	9:00 AM
Alexander City	July 17, 2008	10:00 AM
Bibb County	July 17, 2008	1:00 PM
Chilton County	July 17, 2008	1:30 PM
City of Dadeville	July 17, 2008	1:30 PM
Sixth Division	August 13, 2008	9:00 AM
Butler County	August 13, 2008	2:00 PM
Montgomery County	August 13, 2008	1:30 PM
City of Selma	August 13, 2008	2:00 PM
Macon County	August 14, 2008	9:00 AM
City of Millbrook	August 14, 2008	9:00 AM
City of Auburn	August 14, 2008	9:30 AM
Bullock County	August 14, 2008	1:30 PM
City of Montgomery	August 14, 2008	1:30 PM
City of Tallassee	August 14, 2008	1:30 PM

When a review is conducted at a Division office, each County and Municipality that owns bridges and is located within the geographic limits of that division are **required to attend the Division review and bring a completed Bridge Inspection Program Questionnaire with them**. Counties and Municipalities that are scheduled for their own reviews are still required to attend the Division review.

Bridge Inspection Refresher Training

This office conducts four sessions of this training throughout the state. Participants associated in any facet of the state's bridge inspection program are highly encouraged to attend. Participants may attend any session they desire and pre-registration is not required. If a certified bridge inspector in the State of Alabama did not attend one of the Bridge Inspection Refresher Training sessions last year, it is mandatory that they attend one of the sessions this year in order to remain in active status.

These training sessions will include recent changes in bridge inspection procedures, forms, documentation, bridge management, scour, underwater inspections, bridge ratings, as well as various other pertinent topics.

Huntsville	October 29 - 30, 2008	8:30 A.M.
Opelika	November 12 - 13, 2008	8:30 A.M.
Tuscaloosa	November 19 - 20, 2008	8:30 A.M.
Foley	December 10 - 11, 2008	8:30 A.M.

NHI Maintenance Training

This office acts as host for several training courses sponsored by the National Highway Institute (NHI) and taught by consultants under contract with the NHI. Attendance in any ALDOT hosted NHI Course is offered at no charge to any employee of an Alabama governmental agency or individual under contract to an Alabama governmental agency to provide services relating to the training topic in question. Course enrollment preference is granted to "in state" applicants on a first-come-first serve basis". Anyone requesting attendance to an ALDOT hosted NHI Course who does not meet the criteria for "no charge" admittance will be asked to pay the NHI per person fee. Enrollment requests may be obtained from the ALDOT Website or from the Maintenance Bureau directly. Please note that some of the referenced NHI courses have already occurred.

For complete and up-to-date information on the status of any particular course please visit the following internet address:

<http://www.dot.state.al.us/Docs/Bureaus/Maintenance/Management+and+Training/NHI+Courses+2004.htm>

Access Management Design and Location

ALDOT Ninth Division Auditorium – 1701 I-65 W. Service Road, Mobile, AL
March 11 – 13, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Access Management Design and Location

ALDOT First Division Auditorium – 23445 U.S. Highway 431, Gunterville, AL
 March 25 – 27, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Underwater Bridge Inspection

ALDOT Ninth Division Auditorium – 1701 I-65 W. Service Road, Mobile, AL
 April 22 – 24, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Bridge Maintenance Training (Awaiting Confirmation from NHI)

ALDOT Second Division Training Facility – 295 Highway 20 East, Tuscumbia, AL
 July 15 – 18, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Principles and Practices for Enhanced Maintenance Management Systems

ALDOT Sixth Division Training Facility – 660 Chisom Street, Montgomery, AL
 July 22 – 24, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Fracture Critical

ALDOT Third Division Auditorium – 1020 Bankhead Highway West, Birmingham, AL
 July 29 – Aug 1, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Fracture Critical

ALDOT Second Division Training Facility – 295 Highway 20 East, Tuscumbia, AL
 August 12 – 15, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

ALDOT First Division Auditorium – 23445 U.S. Highway 431, Gunterville, AL
 September 8 – 19, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

ALDOT Seventh Division Training Facility – 299 Elba Highway, Troy, AL
 October 20 – 31, 2008 Begin 8:30 A.M.

Vegetation Management Training

Employees of the Alabama Department of Transportation, academic experts, and private landscape authorities will conduct training sessions. Those in attendance should include ALDOT personnel, county and city personnel, and individuals from the Right-of-Way landscape industry, consultant applicators and utility company employees. Attendees should be selected based on their involvement in an administrative, supervisory, inspection, maintenance or other support roles of vegetated rights-of-way.

Second Division Auditorium	July 22, 2008	9 A.M.
First Division Auditorium	July 23, 2008	9 A.M.

Third Division Auditorium	July 24, 2008	9 A.M.
Fifth Division Auditorium	August 6, 2008	9 A.M.
Sixth Division Auditorium	August 7, 2008	9 A.M.

Seventh Division Auditorium	August 12, 2008	9 A.M.
Ninth Division Auditorium	August 13, 2008	9 A.M.
Eighth Division Auditorium	August 14, 2008	9 A.M.
Fourth Division Auditorium	August 21, 2008	9 A.M.

Miscellaneous Maintenance-Related Training

Alabama Vegetation Management Society Annual Meeting Bryant Conference Center – Tuscaloosa	February 26-27, 2008
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ALDOT Maintenance Management Meeting Third Division, Renaissance Ross Bridge – Birmingham	July 7-9, 2008
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We request that each **ALDOT Division** notify each municipality within their jurisdiction of these events. By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the **County Transportation Bureau** notify all counties of these events as well. This office will be contacting consultants and other interested parties on our mailing list.

If you should have any problems with this schedule or have other questions or comments concerning these matters please feel free to contact this office.

Cc: Mr. George Conner, State Maintenance Engineer
 Mr. Eric Christie, Asst. St. Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Maintenance
 Mr. Ron Newsome, Asst. St. Maintenance Engineer, Roadway Maintenance
 Mr. Randy Braden, Asst. St. Maintenance Engineer, Permits and Operations
 Mr. Tim Taylor, Asst. St. Maintenance Engineer, Traffic Operations
 Mr. Don Harris, Bridge Engineer, County Transportation Bureau
 Ms. Maxine Wheeler Training Director, Training Bureau
 Mr. Robert King, Federal Highway Administration
 Maintenance Training File:2008 Events